

Severn Stoke and Croome D'Abitot Parish Council

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| Stephen Watkins – Chair | Laurence Freeman | Paul Sturgess |
| Pat Preston – Vice Chair | Royston Garrard | Raymond Williams |
| Nikki Cox | Rob Halling | |
| Susan Faulkner | Graham Seward | Vacancy x 2 |

- The January meeting was delayed due to Covid. Councillors made a Motion of thanks to District Councillors and the Community Interest Company (FLAG) for successfully getting the flood bund project through the planning application stage. With another flood event recently, we look forward to when the defences are completed. Work has started to remove trees & shrubs along the route of the bund.
- Community Speed and Traffic Concerns continue to dominate. The Council have installed a new post in the grass verge on the A38 leading south into Severn Stoke and the (VAS) speed sign has been fixed to it – it is our intention to move the VAS around the villages every few weeks. There has been some progress and also new volunteers for the previously agreed Kinnersley Community Speed Watch initiative.
- There are many concerns regarding parking at Croome London Arch, causing an issue of safety on the road. Although bollards have been placed, parking continues to be an issue. We are actively trying to resolve the problems by:
 1. writing to the County Council to see if the bollards can be placed closer together,
 2. implementing a traffic order for double yellow lines,
 3. writing to the National Trust to see if they can improve parking provisions.
- It has been agreed to adopt the red phone box at High Green. We would welcome suggestions from residents as to how you would like it utilised.
- The restoration/replacement of the Parish Hall is very much on our minds. We have agreed to investigate a renewal of the lease (which only has 12 years left to run) or possible purchase of the site. Furthermore, we have received a suggestion that, perhaps, St Denys' Parish Church, with appropriate modernisation, could provide a multi-use community building, in place of the Parish Hall and this will be considered. A referendum of the parish would be required before proceeding with any options, including a public works loan that might be needed to meet the financial obligations.
- Finally, we say goodbye to a long-standing parish councillor Eileen Hadley who has served the parish for over 30 years. Eileen grew up in Severn Stoke and attended the old school in the village, with her father being the local policeman. She has gladly represented her local community through a great many changes. Eileen, on behalf of the Parish Councillors, Clerks past and present and our Lengthsman, thank you for your commitment and dedication. Enjoy your retirement and please stay in touch.

NEXT MEETINGS: March 23rd and May 25th 2022

Please contact Lisa Stevens our Parish Council Clerk with any queries you may have

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